SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Is she representing the Government or not? ...*(Interruptions)*...

मौलाना ओबैदुल्ला खान आज़मी: वह सही कह रही है। उनको पैसा नहीं दिया जाता है।

कुमारी ममता बनर्जी: सर, इसको जितनी जरूरत है ब्रॉड गेज लाईन कम्पलीट करने के लिए इसके लिए हमें और रुपया चाहिए। ...(व्यवधान) मैं हाऊस को कांफिडेंस में लेना चाहती हूं इस के लिए कि अगर हम लोग पौलिसी डिसीजन तैयार करें।

There are so many projects which are pending for a long time, and no time-frame is fixed for their completion. I want that there must be super fast clearance of these projects. The House must take a policy decision in this regard. Whatever the House decides, I will accept that. This is my assurance to the House.

SHRI JIBON ROY: The House is with you. ...*(Interruptions)*...

मौलाना ओबैदुल्ला खान आज़मी: सरकार रेलवे को पैसा नहीं देना चाहती । सरकार को रेलवे को पैसा देना चाहिए। हम लोग ममता जी के साथ हैं। ममता जी बिल्कुल ठीक कह रही हैं। सरकार लाचारी में रखे हुए है।

श्री रामजीलाल: सभापति महोदय, मैं आपके माध्यम से आदरणीया मंत्री जी से पूछना चाहूंगा कि क्षेत्रफल तो यह अजमेर और चित्तौड़ गढ़ का है लेकिन आपने साल में मीटर गेज से ब्रॉड गेज में लाइन परिवर्तित करने का कितने जिलों में प्लान बनाया हुआ है?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question hour is over.

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## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

### Conversion of Naupara-Gunpur Metre-Gauge Line

*85. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal for conversion of the narrow gauge line between Naupara and Gunpur in Southern Orissa into broad gauge has been pending since long;

(b) whether the matter has been brought to the notice of Government several times;

(c) if so, the reasons for the inordinate delay in implementation of the above project; and

(d) the expected time of implementing the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) to (d) The work of Naupara-Gunpur gauge conversion was included in the Railway Budget, 1997-98 with the proviso that the actual work will be taken up once the requisite

* Transliteration of the Speech in Persian Script is available in the Hindi version of the Debate.

clearances have been obtained. Necessary action for obtaining clearances has already been initiated. Necessary funds for taking up the work will be arranged once the requisite clearances are obtained. The work will then be progressed and completed in the coming years, as per the availability of resources.

**Cleaning of River Jhelum**

†*86. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA: Will the Minister of ENVIORNMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Jhelum, an ancient river of Kashmir is turning into a filthy drain;

(b) whehter it is also a fact that certain schemes had been formulated to clean this river;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) Yes, Sir. Surveys and investigations carried out by the Jammu & Kashmir Government revealed that four towns, namely Anantnag, Srinagar, Sopore and Baramulla were polluting river Jhelum.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. A proposal at an estimated cost of Rs. 284.42 crores has been forwarded by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir for taking up river pollution abatement works in these four towns under the National River Conservation Plan.

(d) The proposal was examined in the Ministry and certain information and clarifications were sought from the State Government, which are still awaited.

**Damage to Foodgrains in FCI Godowns**

*87. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of rice, wheat and other food-grains procured by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) during the last three years; State-wise;

(b) the quantum of these items damaged in the godowns in those years; State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to prevent the damage to food-grains?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) State-wise procurement of foodgrains made by FCI during the past three years, is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 188, Annexure No.9].

†Original notice of the Question received in Hindi.